GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:782
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ISI MARKING FOR BOTTLED WATER
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the time since ISI marking has been made compulsory for bottled water;

(b) the details of the manufacturers who have received licence for this purpose;

(c) whether the Government have received complaints against its misuse;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SRINIVASA PRASAD)

(a) : Packaged Natural Mineral Water and Packaged Drinking Water were brought under Mandatory Certification Scheme of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) through Gazette Notification No. GSR 759 (E) and GSR 760(E) with effect from 29th March, 2001 issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(b) : BIS has so far granted 997 licences for Packaged Drinking Water and 8 licences for Packaged Natural Mineral Water.

(c, d & e): Yes, Sir. The details of complaints registered for misuse of BIS StandardMark for Packaged Drinking Water for the last three years and action taken thereon is as under :-

	2001-2002	2002-03	2003-2004 (upto 31st October,2003)
Total Complaints Registered	7	7	18
No. of search & seizure conducted	6	2	18
Outcome-			
i) Prosecution launched	2	2	-
ii) Under Investigation/Examination	-	3	18
iii) Cases closed	5	2	-